

EXHIBIT: III.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner*

DATE: October 15, 2003

SUBJECT: Composition of Committee to Review Application for Additional Degree-Granting Authorization as Submitted by Husson College to Award the Doctor of Physical Therapy Degree.

BACKGROUND: 20-A MRSA, Chapter 409 provides that a postsecondary educational institution desiring to confer additional degrees must obtain authorization from the Maine State Board of Education. Husson College has previously been authorized by the Legislature to award the degrees at the Associate, Baccalaureate, and Masters levels.

Officials of Husson College, located in Bangor, Maine, have submitted an application seeking authority to confer an additional degree, the Doctor of Physical Therapy. A program approval visit to Husson College is being scheduled for November 2003.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approve the individuals presented to serve as members of the visiting committee to assist in processing the request from Husson College to confer the additional degree of Doctor of Physical Therapy.

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Proposed Review Committee Membership

Husson College has requested the review and approval of its application for additional degree-granting authorization. The following, for Board approval, is the proposed list of Maine reviewers to serve on the visitation team:

Dr. David Glenn-Lewin, Chair
President
Unity College
Unity, Maine

Dr. Lemual Berry
Vice President for Academic Affairs
University of New England
Biddeford, Maine

Dr. Katherine Yardley
Dean, College of Education,
Health, and Rehabilitation
University of Maine at Farmington
Farmington, Maine

Jill Weibrant, President
Maine Association of Physical Therapy
Cumberland, Maine

Dr. Patricia Ryan
President
York County Community College
Wells, Maine

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